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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHER DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION
CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs. Civil Action No.
5:14-cv-5344-BLF
ARISTA NETWORKS, INC.,
Defendants.

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09:32:21 1 just so you know, we think you're using some of our
2 command expressions and we don't have any objection to
3 that"?

09:32:30 4 A. I don't think I had very many communications, by
5 the way, with our friends at Juniper, but not to my
6 recollection.

7 Q. Okay. But taking the same sentiment a little
8 more broadly, to the best of your memory, you never made
9 a single statement or communication to any competitor
09:32:43 10 that Cisco was giving others permission to use a
11 Cisco-like CLI?

12 A. Not to my knowledge.

13 Q. And I think you've covered this, so I appreciate
14 your... your patience with me, but if I ask you to recall
09:33:01 15 for me anybody else at Cisco who ever made that kind of a
16 statement, you don't -- you can't remember anybody ever
17 doing so?

18 A. I don't remember anybody.

19 Q. Do you know what a standard-setting organization
09:33:18 20 is?

21 A. Do you refer that by organizations like the
22 IETF? Or -- yes.

23 Q. Exactly.

24 A. Yeah.

09:33:28 25 Q. Okay. Can you provide for me your understanding

09:33:30 1 of a standard -- what a standard-setting organization is?

2 A. Well, there's many around the world, of course.

3 The ones that we worked with or worked in the context of

4 at Cisco were ones like the IETF or the IEEE. They're

09:33:49 5 organized differently, depending on which one. The IETF

6 in particular was set up in the early days of the

7 Internet by people like Vint Cerf with the intention of

8 developing a -- a common ground under which multiple

9 communication systems made by different people could

09:34:11 10 communicate with each other effectively and provide a

11 common network infrastructure. So it was really an

12 organization by which standards that would be

13 subsequently used by vendors would be set.

14 Q. At any point in time when you were employed by

09:34:34 15 Cisco did you interact on behalf of Cisco with any

16 standard-setting organizations?

17 A. I personally did not, no.

18 Q. Are you -- are you aware of any standard -- any

19 standard-setting organization promulgating or adopting or

09:34:52 20 proposing a standard for a command line interface?

21 A. I'm not aware of any.

22 Q. Do you remember hearing the phrase "industry

23 standard" with respect to Cisco's CLI at any point in

24 time while you were employed by Cisco?

09:35:20 25 A. I don't recall a specific conversation, but as a

09:35:24 1 general topic, I do recall we at Cisco thinking of our
2 command line interface generally as an industry standard.
3 Q. Meaning market-leading?
4 A. I don't think I could give a fair interpretation
09:35:48 5 of exactly what we meant by industry standard. I would
6 say used by a lot of people is probably the closest
7 definition I could give you.
8 Q. Fair enough. So to the best of your memory,
9 when you and others at Cisco, to the extent you referred
09:36:03 10 to the Cisco CLI as industry standard, to the best of
11 your memory, your use of that phrase with respect to CLI
12 meant a widely-adopted CLI?
13 A. Yeah. That's correct.
14 Q. For example, given the large sales that Cisco
09:36:20 15 was making into the market at the time?
16 A. Yeah.
17 Q. Okay. To the best of your memory, did you or
18 anybody else at Cisco ever use the phrase "industry
19 standard" with respect to Cisco's CLI in a
09:36:36 20 standard-setting organization way?
21 MR. LAWSON: Objection. Vague and ambiguous.
22 THE WITNESS: Not to my knowledge.
23 BY MR. NEUKOM:
24 Q. Okay. So, for example, you're aware that -- and
09:36:45 25 I'm sorry I don't know which one, but you're aware that

09:36:47 1 there are one or more promulgated adopted industry
2 standards for, for example, the BGP protocol.

3 A. Um-hmm. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. And there's no such industry standard
09:36:58 5 that's been promulgated or adopted for Cisco's CLI?

6 A. I certainly don't know of one. I don't know if
7 there is or not.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. But I don't know of one.

09:37:09 10 Q. Have you ever heard anyone at Arista use the
11 phrase "industry standard" with respect to its CLI?

12 A. I have never had a discussion with -- about CLI
13 with an Arista employee.

14 Q. Okay. That includes Jayshree Ullal?

09:37:29 15 A. Well, I've had -- in the context of there being
16 a lawsuit around it, but in terms of -- I don't even know
17 what Arista's CLI is.

18 Q. Okay. So but for your awareness of this
19 lawsuit, you have no awareness of what CLI Arista uses
09:37:51 20 for its products or offers to its customers?

21 A. That is correct, yeah.

22 Q. And I take it that to the extent you have an
23 awareness of Cisco's CLI, that awareness is primarily
24 based on training sessions that were over 15 years ago in
09:38:13 25 which you were trained to configure or manage a small